CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
FEBRUARY 16, 2021 - CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mayor Alice Patino, Councilmember Mike Cordero, Councilmember Carlos Escobedo, Councilmember Gloria Soto, and Councilmember Etta Waterfield

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Stilwell, City Attorney Watson, Public Works Director McCune, and Chief Deputy City Clerk White (for roll call only).

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (NOT TO EXCEED A TOTAL OF 15 MINUTES)
There were no requests to speak.

RECESS - CLOSED SESSION
Mayor Patino recessed to a Closed Session at 5:02 p.m. for

1) **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8:**
Property: Vacant Lot, APN 117-990-020
Agency negotiator: Kevin McCune, Director of Public Works
Negotiating parties: Palmetto Group, LLC
Under negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

INVOCATION
Pastor Jon Stone of Crosspointe Baptist Church gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Councilmember Waterfield led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino reconvened the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mayor Alice Patino, Councilmember Mike Cordero, Councilmember Carlos Escobedo, Councilmember Gloria Soto, and Councilmember Etta Waterfield

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Jason Stilwell, City Attorney Thomas Watson, Director of Finance Mary Harvey, Chief Information Officer Jeffrey Marecic, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Kevin McCune, Chief Human Resources Officer Elena Morelos, Director of Community Development Chuen Ng, Director of Recreation & Parks Alex Posada, Chief of Police Marc Schneider, Director of Utilities Shad Springer, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Rhonda White

CLOSED SESSION REPORT: CITY ATTORNEY
City Attorney Watson announced instructions were given to staff and any agreement would come back to the City Council as a Consent Item.

1 **PROCLAMATIONS**
There were no Proclamations.

2 **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (NOT TO EXCEED A TOTAL OF 15 MINUTES)**
Kevin Murray wrote expressing his concern about transient encampments along the railroad and requesting assistance to alleviate the problem.

Julia Black, Marketing & Communications Officer for Domestic Violence Solutions of Santa Barbara County, spoke on Teen Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month (February).

City Manager Stilwell commented that staff was in the process of following up with Mr. Murray.

3 CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Soto requested that Item 3E (Donation of $150,000 to the Santa Maria Police Department for a new vehicle) be pulled for discussion. She asked if there was a need for the vehicle. City Manager Stilwell responded that there was a need for the vehicle, and it would be replacing an outdated, functionally obsolete vehicle. It is being funded through the donation and Asset Forfeiture funding.

Consent Calendar Items 3A-3G were approved as presented, including the adoption of Resolution Nos. 2021-15, 2021-16, and 2021-17. The recorded vote appears with each item below.

A. Waive the reading in full of all Ordinances and Resolutions. Ordinances on the Consent Agenda will be adopted by the same vote cast at the first meeting, unless City Council indicates otherwise.

Action: Readings waived.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion carried. 5-0.

B. Approve the Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of February 2, 2021.

Action: Minutes approved as presented.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion carried. 5-0.

C. Payment of Warrants. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Warrants ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion carried. 5-0.

D. Payment of Payroll. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Directors, as shown on records on file in the Department of Finance, and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Payroll ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion carried. 5-0.

E. Adopt a Resolution approving a donation of $150,000 to the Santa Maria Police Department from the Santa Maria Police Council for the purchase of an armored rescue vehicle.

Action: Donation to Santa Maria Police Department for armored rescue vehicle approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-15. 5-0.

F. Adopt a Resolution approving an amendment to the agreement with Polytech Industrial, Inc., for Bid No. 2020/07, Wastewater Treatment Plant Primary Clarifier Rehabilitation Project.

Action: Agreement amendment for Bid No. 2020/07 approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-16. 5-0.

G. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the submittal of project applications to the California Department of Parks and Recreation for Per Capita Grant funds.

Action: Submittal of project applications for Per Capita Grant funds approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-17. 5-0.

4 PRESENTATION

A. **CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION.** The City Council received a presentation on the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) by Christopher Moore, the Local Government Liaison for the City of Santa Maria, and outlining available services the CPUC could provide to the City.

B. **COVID-19 UPDATE.** The City Council received the eighth presentation from City Manager Stilwell providing an update regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the actions being taken by the City to assist with stopping the spread and keeping the community safe in the Santa Maria Valley. Sue Andersen, President & CEO of Marian Regional Medical Center also gave an update including statistics on vaccinations in the City.

5 REGULAR BUSINESS

A. **SECOND QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020.** The City Council received the Quarterly Financial Report for the second quarter ending December 31, 2020, and approved amendments to the 2020-2021 Budget for personnel and operational changes.

Action: Adopt a Resolution approving amendments to the 2020-21 Budget for personnel and operational changes for the second quarter ending December 31, 2020.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-18. 5-0.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Stilwell reported that the next regular City Council meeting would be March 2, 2021. Items on the agenda would include a Community Presentation (tentative), a Closed Session, and Landmark Committee Appointments for interim membership by the Recreation & Parks Commissioners until vacancies may be filled.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS)

Councilmember Escobedo reported he attended the SURJ (Showing Up for Racial Justice) Community Dialogue and a legislative briefing on a COVID-19 Federal Relief Package for State and Local governments by the CA League of Cities.

Councilmember Cordero reported he attended a United Way meeting.

Councilmember Soto reported she attended the SURJ Community Dialogue and a 3CE (Central Coast Community Energy) meeting.

Councilmember Waterfield had no reportable AB1234 meetings.

Mayor Patino reported she attended the CADCA National Leadership Forum; an APCD Hearing Board meeting; a meeting with Senator Feinstein's office; the League of Cities Economic Development roundtable; and the Block Grants Advisory Committee deliberations.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. in memory of a local resident and supporter, coach of youth sports, Stanford McFadden.

Approved at a regular meeting on March 2, 2021.

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk and ex officio Clerk
of the City Council

ATTEST:

3/30/2021

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Alice M. Patino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria